Opening of a Dispensary at Tumpaman.

13. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the petition of the people of Tumpaman, Pantalam, and some other neighbouring pakuthies submitted to the Dewan in Dhanu 1100 for the opening of a Sirkar Medical Dispensary at Tumpaman ?

(*b*) What was the reply given by the Government to the deputation of the people that visited the Dewan on the subject in Dhanu 1100 ?

(*c*) What is the purport of the report submitted by the Darbar Physician about the necessity for the dispensary at the place ?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to open the dispensary from 1101 M. E. ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*), (*c*), and (*d*) A report has been obtained from the Surgeon in charge of the Darbar Physician's duties recommending the opening of a dispensary at Tumpaman. The recommendation is under consideration.

(*b*) The Dewan said that the representation would be referred for report to the Surgeon in charge of the Darbar Physician's duties.

Survey of Pathways and Water Courses.

14. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to order those of the existing pathways, water channels, etc., which are not shown in the survey plans of the last settlement, to be surveyed and demarcated so as to prevent further loss and inconvenience to the public ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The demarcation and survey generally of lanes, channels, etc., that were neither surveyed by the Survey Department in the original survey nor afterwards subdivided and recorded as *poramboke* by the Settlement Department, can be undertaken only at the next general resurvey. But isolated cases where private owners admit the mistakes and agree to surrender the lands and have them recorded as *poramboke* will be considered in the meanwhile.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Are the Government aware that in the *Ozhugus* prepared during Velu Tampi Dewan's time the positions of the lanes and water channels are described ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Government are unable to say just now whether the lanes etc., are mentioned in those *Ozhugus*.

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MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Before proceeding further, may I draw your attention, Sir, to the very low rate at which we are getting through the questions and answers in the list. There are about 300 questions to be answered and we have been getting answers only to seven questions, or so, a day.

PRESIDENT: The reason for this low rate at which we get through the questions and answers is that, as we are now at the general discussion of the budget, it would be advantageous to have the maximum time made available for it. The rate of answers to questions will be more rapid after the general discussion is over.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Thank you, Sir.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET.

PRESIDENT: We will now proceed to the general discussion of the budget for 1101. Mr. Subba Aiyar, would you like to open the discussion ?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): I have very great pleasure in congratulating the Government and Mr. George for the surplus budget that has been presented before the House. At the time when the current year's budget was discussed, all the members of the House, both official and non-official, had serious misgivings as to whether this year's receipts and expenditure, if balanced, would not end in a serious deficit. It is therefore very gratifying to learn that there has been a surplus of about Rs. 4 lakhs so far as this year is concerned. As for the budget for the next year, it is equally gratifying to see that the revenue is anticipated to approximate to Rs. 206 lakhs, I believe the highest ever on record, and the expenditure to about Rs. 203 lakhs, thus leaving a surplus of over Rs. 3 lakhs. It augurs well, Sir, for a new administration to begin with a budget of this kind. I hope it will be equally fortunate in having, in the succeeding years, a similar expectation so far as the budget is concerned.

Let me state at the outset, Sir, that I do not propose to say anything about the expenditure items in the budget, because, so far as they are concerned, they will be considered in detail later on, when the demands for grants are placed before the House. It is therefore my object to make at this stage a few general observations with reference to the other aspect of the budget, *viz.*, the revenue receipts. With regard to this, I mean to follow the line adopted by Mr. George, and make some observations on the more important topics.

In the first place, reference was made to the State-aided Bank. It is really very gratifying to note that the Government have at last sanctioned the popular request, *viz.*, to have a State-aided Bank. The concessions that have been accorded by the Government are, no doubt, liberal. They propose to meet the expenditure of the Bank for the next five years up to a maximum of Rs. 10,000 annually. It is also proposed to grant the Bank a loan of Rs. 2½ lakhs free of interest and

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